

REMARKS

Applicant has deleted claims 2 and 3 and amended claims 1 and 7 to remove non-elected subject matter and obviate the Examiner's objections to pending claims 1, 4-8 and 10.

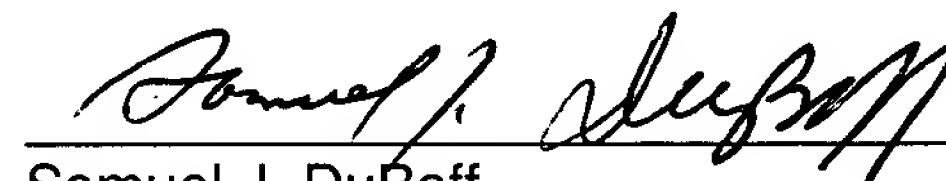
Since the Examiner has already indicated that the claims drawn solely to the elected subject matter would appear allowable over the prior art of record, it is respectfully submitted the claims as amended are in condition for allowance.

Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or believes further discussion will aid examination and advance prosecution of the application, a telephone call to the undersigned is invited. If there are any additional fees due in connection with the filing of this amendment, please charge the fees to the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 19-3880. If any extensions or fees are not accounted for, such extension is requested and the associated fee should be charged to our deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,



Samuel J. DuBoff
Attorney for Applicants
Reg. No. 25,969

Bristol-Myers Squibb Company
Patent Department
P.O. Box 4000
Princeton, NJ 08543-4000
(203) 677-7787

Date: 5/7/03